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TO: Superintendents, Charter Administrators, Principals, Business Managers, Title I Directors, Special Education Directors, Testing Coordinators, School District Communicators, Human Resource Directors and State Department of Education Staff

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## WEEKLY UPDATE

### State gets interim feedback on its Consolidated Plan; revision work begins

The State Department of Education and the State Board of Education received an interim feedback from the U.S. Department of Education on Idaho's Consolidated Plan.

"I was pleased with the feedback we received and there were no surprises," Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra said. "It was encouraging that our plan to provide Idahoans a wealth of information about the performance of their schools rather than an overall grade was not rejected."

"Moving forward, we will make technical corrections, revise some sections and better describe other areas to ensure compliance with federal law. Our team is working on those changes and will bring forward an updated plan to the State Board of Education for review and approval," Superintendent Ybarra said.

Education stakeholders will meet with department staff Monday to discuss the next steps, including three areas that will need revising to ensure compliance: including the "N" size used for accountability; the other academic indicator for schools that are not high schools; and the school quality and success indicator for schools that are not high schools.

Idaho will seek a time extension to respond to the federal review to ensure stakeholders are involved with revisions. The tentative plan is for the State Board of Education to review the revised plan at its February meeting.

The federal feedback documents are available online at:  
<https://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/account/stateplan17/map/id.html>

### Help nominate the 2018 Idaho History Teacher of the Year

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History is seeking nominations for Idaho History Teacher of the Year. State History Teachers of the Year receive \$1,000, an archive of materials for their school's library and an invitation to attend a Gilder Lehrman Teacher Seminar. The deadline for 2018 nominations is March 31, 2018. Visit <https://www.gilderlehrman.org/content/eligibility> for more information or to endorse a teacher for the award.

### ISAS Program Seeks Teacher Mentors for 2018 Summer Academy

The Idaho Science and Aerospace Scholars (ISAS) Program is searching for certified Idaho science, technology, engineering or mathematics teachers to serve as ISAS teacher mentors. Teachers selected to participate will receive a \$2,000 stipend, food, lodging and travel for the summer academy. More information is available at <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/academic/isas/>. Completed applications must be

received by January 19, 2018. For further information, please contact Peter Kavouras at (208) 332-6975 or [pgkavouras@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:pgkavouras@sde.idaho.gov).

### **Public records requests for incomplete graduation rate data, staffing data for districts, charters**

The State Department of Education received media public records requests for incomplete information in our data systems for the following:

- Graduation rate information in the appeals system as of Jan. 5, 2018. The requestor was informed that the appeals process was not finished and the data was not finalized or complete. Graduation rate data is expected to be finalized in early February.
- District and charter school staffing information submitted as of Jan. 4, 2018. The requestor was informed the data has not been finalized.

Please contact Kelly Everitt at [keveritt@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:keveritt@sde.idaho.gov) if you would like to see the data provided.

### **Youth Empowerment Services brochure available**

Youth Empowerment Services has produced a brochure detailing options available to students with serious emotional disturbances that can be accessed and downloaded at:

<http://youthempowermentservices.idaho.gov/Portals/105/Documents/YESTrifoldBrochureFINAL12282017.pdf>

### **Upcoming events**

- **ESSA Stakeholder Quarterly Update**, Jan. 8, Boise
- **Legislature convenes; Governor's Budget and State of the State Address**, Jan. 8, Boise
- **Red Tape Committee**, Jan. 10, Boise
- **Assessment and Accountability Monthly Update Webinar**, Jan. 10. Register at [GoToWebinar](#)
- **State Department of Education Legislative Open House**, Jan. 22, Boise
- **Professional Standards Commission meeting**, Jan. 25-26, Boise
- **JFAC Public Schools Budget public hearing**, Jan. 25, Boise
- **Idaho Parent Teacher Association Legislative Day**, Jan. 25, Boise
- **Idaho School Boards Association Day on the Hill**, Feb. 19-20, Boise
- **Register for 2017-18 Danielson Training Session**. Learn more [here](#)

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